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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 35-40 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 21-34 are now pending in the present application. No new matter has been added. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21-34 contain allowable subject matter. The Examiner has rejected claims 21-34 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,760,826. (See 1/29/07 Office Action, pp. 2-3.) In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed with the previous Amendment filed on April 30, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejection of claims 21-34 should be withdrawn, and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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